

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-35 are pending in this application. Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice, claims 1, 25, 26 and 27 have been amended and new claim 36 has been added by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1, 25, 26 and 27 and new claim 36 do not introduce any new subject matter.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DISCLOSURE

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because "reference number 130 . . . has been used to designate both text-to-speech system and one or more buses" and "reference numbers 140 and 160 . . . have both been used to designate vehicle.

In response to the Examiner's objections, Applicant corrected the informalities in the Amendment mailed on February 18, 2005, wherein Applicant amended relevant portions of the specification and submitted a replacement sheet for amended Fig. 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the disclosure.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objects to claims 1, 25 and 27, stating that the terms "said assembly" should be changed to "said assembly housing". Applicant has amended claims 1, 25, 26 and 27 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to claims 1, 25 and 27 be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out

and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response to the Examiner's objection, Applicant has amended claim 25 to recite that "hardware corresponding to the web browser" is connected to the bus.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of: (1) claims 1-3, 11, 13, 14, 16-24, 26 and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,339,455 ("Allan") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,553,567 ("Wugofski"); (2) claims 4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allan in view of Wugofski and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,928 ("Obravich") (3) claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allan in view of Wugofski and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,317 ("Holloway"); (4) claims 7, 8, 10 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allan in view of Wugofski and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,420,975 ("DeLine"); (5) claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allan in view of Wugofski and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,658 ("Caci"); and (6) claims 25, 27-29 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,304,173 in view of Wugofski and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,335 ("Treyz").

Claims 1, 26 and 27 have been amended to recite that a portable personal digital assistant (PDA) or a portable personal computer (PC) wirelessly transmit media to the console for display. Claim 25 has been amended to recite that a portable telephone wirelessly transmits media to the console for display.

For example, Applicant's disclosure states that electronic devices, such as personal digital assistants (PDAs), hand-held personal computers (PCs) and smart phones can act as input devices 106 or 108 and transmit wireless signals encompassing media to be displayed on the display. See, e.g., Applicant's disclosure, Fig. 1 (elements 106, 108); p. 26, line 13 to p. 27, line 1. The claimed devices are portable and are not mounted to or in the assembly housing. For example, these portable electronic devices can be moved from vehicle to vehicle so that media, such as movies, can be easily transported with a user via a portable device that is normally carried from place to place.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references, when taken alone, or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of portable PDAs, PCs or telephones as wireless media input devices.

In rejecting claims 13 and 30, the Examiner maintains that it would have been obvious to modify the system of Allan by providing information from a personal communication device or from a wireless transmitter using Bluetooth protocol as taught by DeLine in order to provide signals wirelessly at low-cost.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion because DeLine does not disclose or provide motivation for wireless transmission of media from a portable device to a vehicle console.

DeLine Does Not Cure The Deficiencies In Allan And Teaches Away From The Claimed Embodiments

The Examiner admits that Allan does not teach sending media to the console for display via a wireless signal from a personal digital assistant, and relies on DeLine to cure the deficiency in Allan. See June 29, 2006 Office Action at 13. However, DeLine

does not disclose wireless transmission of media from a PDA, portable PC or a portable telephone. Moreover, the disclosure in DeLine discourages the use of a portable PDA, PC or telephone. See M.P.E.P. § 2143.01; In re Fulton, 391 F.3d 1195, 1200-01, 73 USPQ2d 1141, 1145-46 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (stating that a reference teaches away if it discourages the claimed solution).

DeLine relates to a rearview mirror assembly 16 which comprises a personal communication device, such as a PALM organizer as part of the mirror assembly. See, e.g., col. 27, lines 48-64. Further, DeLine discloses that the mirror assembly 16 include, for example, in a casing 16b thereof, a cellular phone system, ONSTAR wireless communication systems, and PDAs. These electronic accessories in DeLine are not portable, but instead form part of the mirror assembly and are operated via the mirror assembly. See, e.g., col. 40, lines 9-27; col. 40, line 65 – col. 41, line 22.

In addition, the disclosure of the BLUETOOTH transmission protocol in DeLine is not relevant to the claimed embodiments. In contrast to the claimed embodiments, DeLine encourages the use of BLUETOOTH for wireless communication of control signals or of vehicle information, not for transmission of media. For example, information regarding tire pressure can be transmitted from tire pressure sensors in the wheels via BLUETOOTH to a receiver in the mirror assembly so that tire pressure status can be displayed. Accordingly, DeLine does not encourage or teach the use of BLUETOOTH to transmit media from a portable PDA, PC or telephone to a console for display. See, e.g., col. 36, lines 13-29.

Therefore, DeLine discourages the use of portable PDAs, PCs and telephones, since such components are provided in the mirror assembly. Furthermore, unlike the

claimed embodiments, the wireless transmission in DeLine relates to transmission of vehicle control and status information, not to transmission of media from portable electronic devices.

Accordingly, DeLine does not disclose and teaches away from wireless transmission of media from a portable PDA, PC or telephone.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least this reason, claims 1, 25, 26 and 27 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

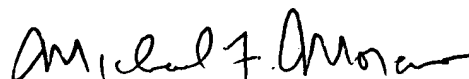
Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, supra, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

NEW CLAIM

Applicant respectfully submits new claim 36, which is submitted to be patentably distinct over the cited references in its own right, and at least by virtue of its dependency on independent claim 1.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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